Highways (Original) works in Madhya Pradesh during 2004.-05 and 2005-06 were Rs. 83.00 crore and Rs. 74.00 crore respectively.

(b) Accruals (Allotment) under CRF for Madhya Pradesh during 2004-05 and 2005-06 were Rs. 52.04 crore and Rs. 93.23 crore respectively.

Nexus between NHAI and A.F. Ferguson & Co.

2997. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether contracts were awarded by NHAI to dubious consultancy firms on exorbitant terms;

(b) whether A.F. Ferguson & Co. has been awarded contracts in the past by NHAI even though they were not L1;

(c) whether Government propose to order a CBI enquiry into the nexus betwen NHAI and A.F. Ferguson;

(d) whether Government propose to blacklist the company from future contracts as it is also exploiting its employees by not paying their statutory dues and is not issuing relieving certificates so as to prevent them from joining other organisations; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A consultancy contract for design, development and instalation of "Project Financial Management System" was awarded to M/s A.F. Ferguson & Co. under World Bank funded project as the firm scored highest marks both in financial and technical proposal evaluation.

A.F. Ferguson is also one of the three empanelled firms engaged for checking fee collection activity. Empaneiment was done on the basis of negotiation with L2 and L3 to accept the L1 rates.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No such instance has came to the notice.

(e) Does not arise.